



September 11, 2013

Item No. 11

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE FIRST ONE YEAR OPTION  
WITH LINK UNLIMITED TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIPS TO CHA YOUTH**

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or his designee to exercise the first one-year option of Contract 11154 with Link Unlimited ("Link") in a not-to-exceed amount of \$152,240 to provide high school scholarships, youth mentoring and parent supports to approximately 23 CHA youth.

The Executive Vice President ("EVP") of Resident Services, the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Procurement and Contracts have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

**CORPORATE GOAL**

The proposed program supports CHA's corporate goal of expanding services to more residents, providing targeted services to residents at critical milestones in their lives.

**FUNDING:** CHA General Fund

**SOLICITATION SUMMARY**

**Vendor:**

Link Unlimited  
2221 S State Street  
Chicago, IL 60616

**Contract Type:** Professional Services

**Base Term Contract:** \$ 173,250

**First One-Year Option:** \$ 152,240

**Aggregate Not-To-Exceed** \$ 325,490

**Base Contract Period:** September 17, 2012 through September 16, 2013

**First One-Year Option Period:** September 17, 2013 through September 16, 2014

**Option Period Remaining:** Two One-Year Options

## **COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

Vendor	M/W/DBE Participation	Section 3 Hiring	Section 3 Contracting	Other Economic Opportunities
LINK Unlimited	5.2% Indirect; Partial Waiver Approved	Vendor has no need to hire	Vendor has no need to subcontract	High school scholarships for 16 CHA scholars

## **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

CHA's Resident Services Division is charged with supporting youth and adults on the path to self-sufficiency, which includes increasing educational opportunities. To support youth in attending high-quality private high schools, CHA contracted with Link Unlimited in 2012 to provide scholarships, youth mentoring and parenting supports.

Through this contract last year, Link recruited seven new CHA youth and placed them in high-performing public high schools. By exercising the first option year of the contract, CHA will continue to support those seven youth in their sophomore year of high school. For their junior and senior years, Link will assume the cost of the scholarships and additional supports as funds leveraged by the two-year relationship with CHA. This will ensure that the seven youth have consistent support throughout their high school career. In addition, LINK will provide tutoring and parent support for approximately 23 CHA youth that enroll in their scholarship program.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The EVP of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to enter into two-year contracts with HHCS and MFS to provide youth substance abuse prevention programs.

The CEO/President recommends the approval to exercise the first one-year option of Contract 11154 with Link Unlimited ("Link") in a not-to-exceed amount of \$152,240 to provide high school scholarships, youth mentoring and parent supports to approximately 23 CHA youth.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-CHA-79**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated September 11, 2013 entitled "AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE FIRST ONE YEAR OPTION WITH LINK UNLIMITED TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS TO CHA YOUTH";

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to exercise the first one-year option of Contract 11154 with Link Unlimited ("Link") in a not-to-exceed amount of \$152,240 to provide high school scholarships, youth mentoring and parent supports to approximately 23 CHA youth.

This award is subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 resident hiring, and insurance requirements.



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